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Response to Amendment

1. This Office communication is in response to the amendments, arguments, and drawings filed on August 22, 2003, September 9, 2003, and on September 30, 2003.

2. However, the abovementioned reply submitted by the applicant is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendments to the specification and to the drawings are not in strict compliance with the revised version of 37 CFR 1.121(c) effective July 30, 2003. In particular, the amendment to the specification (i.e., the abstract) is ***NOT*** made by presenting a replacement abstract ***marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version*** as required. Also, the replacement drawing sheet is ***NOT*** identified in the top margin thereof as being a "Replacement Sheet" as required and is not a formal drawing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 as also required. Finally, ***an explanation*** of the changes made to the drawing figures is ***NOT*** presented in the drawing amendments or remarks section of the amendment as required; merely noting that "The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 5." does ***NOT*** constitute ***an explanation*** of the changes made. The above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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